# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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## KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 14 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-14-13

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Monday July 8** in the following areas:

- The **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections will remain closed);
- The **Uyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, Terror Bay, Sharatin Bay, and Anton Larsen Bay sections** of the Northwest Kodiak District, (the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed):
- The Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section which is already open); and,
- The Northeast Kodiak District.

The following areas currently open until further notice will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Monday July 8**:

- The **Central, North Cape, and Inner Uganik Bay sections** of the Northwest Kodiak District; and,
- The **Southwest Afognak and Southeast Afognak sections** of the Afognak District;
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

#### Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

### **Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters are **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 8** in the following locations:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406); closed waters will then return to the normal commercial 500 yard saltwater closed waters; and
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821); closed waters will then return to the normal commercial 500 yard saltwater closed waters;
- **In Afognak Bay, for commercial fishing** to the ADF&G commercial salmon markers located at the lagoon outlet. Closed waters will then return to the normal commercial closed waters located at Otrubistoi Point to Settlement Point.
- **In Afognak Bay, for subsistence fishing** to the ADF&G subsistence salmon markers located at the old bridge. Closed waters will then return to the normal subsistence closed waters located between Rivermouth Point and Last Point.

## As Previously Announced:

The following areas will remain **open until further notice**:

- The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Inner and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District; and
- The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure Chinook (king) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District bounded by the latitude of Spruce Cape and the latitude of Termination Point until <u>August 1, 2013</u> king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> began in the **Telrod Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA)** on **June 23, 2013**; and the **Telrod Cove SHA** will remain <u>closed</u> to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in Telrod Cove will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs.

#### Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- At Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline(stream #255-101).
- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) **Hearst Creek**, (stream # 259-414) and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.
- In Chiniak Bay, for subsistence fishing, at the Buskin River (stream# 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

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